

A comprehensive summary of the
Cincinnati Recreation Commission's
2009 youth initiatives
& **business accomplishments.**

Annual Report

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*Above: Girls play on a CRC playground.
Far left: Participants paddle in for the night during RiverTrek.
Middle left: A young boy competes at hula hooping during Kids' Fest.
Left: Seniors have fun while sewing a quilt.*

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What is CRC?

To Mayor Mallory, Citizens of Cincinnati, Members of City Council, and Members of the Commission:

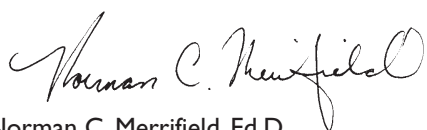
It is my honor to present to you the 2009 Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Annual Report, which now combines all of our youth initiatives along with our departmental accomplishments.

Throughout 2009, every city and every state has been reeling from the impact of the worst economic recession since the great depression. Many of our residents have lost their jobs, while long standing companies have been struggling to survive. However, even as all of us have had to tighten our belts, CRC remains committed to improving the quality of life in Cincinnati by making city neighborhoods more attractive to prospective residents who are vital for Cincinnati's continuing growth and competitiveness. We believe that enhancing people's personal health and wellness strengthens and enriches the lives of our citizens and builds a spirit of community in our city.

As each city, county and state government struggles with economic hardship, we aspire to take advantage of this opportunity for the future. Change is in the wind and each department must adapt or be left behind. At CRC, we are constantly reviewing and planning for the future. We know that each community's needs change yearly, monthly and sometimes daily. We are ready. We have a strategic plan that is fiscally responsible and allows us to continue to provide basic services in our neighborhoods.

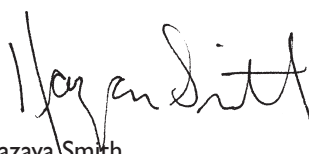
As we stand on the threshold of this new era, we find comfort in the fact that our department is comprised of the best talent that this city has to offer. We are united in purpose. We are united in spirit. We will continue to make a difference.

Sincerely,



Norman C. Merrifield, Ed.D.

Director, Cincinnati Recreation Commission



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President, Cincinnati Recreation Commission



above: Citizens and Council Members celebrate at the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the dedication of Hartwell Center. left: Youth play in the spray at the opening of the Otto Armleder Memorial Aquatic Fountain at Sawyer Point on Recreation & Park Day.

CRC is... New Beginnings

Hartwell

CRC celebrated the re-opening of Hartwell Recreation Center in June, upon the completion of its \$1.7 million dollar renovation. The new building is more than double in size, creating two (2) new multi-purpose rooms and separate restrooms for the pool & the center. The kitchen and entrances were relocated for better access to the parking lot, which has a new parking set up to avoid traffic congestion. The Hartwell Recreation Center serves 12 neighborhoods and provides many great amenities such as baseball fields, a deepwater pool, and soccer fields to the community.

Otto Armleder Fountain

CRC re-opened the renovated Concourse Fountain at Sawyer Point this summer. The new fountain area includes features such as an electronic eye, donut spray, and ground geyser. The Otto Armleder Family Trust funded this facility. A rededication ceremony with special guests vice mayor Crowley, CRC director Norman Merrifield, and members of the Armleder Family opened up the fountain to the children of Cincinnati on Recreation & Park Day.



Carthage Playground On June 5th, Bengals rookies joined The Marvin Lewis Community Fund, Cincinnati Bengals, The Home Depot and Baker Concrete to rebuild the "Tot Lot" in Carthage. The playground was burned down on August 31, 2008 sustaining an estimated \$40,000 in damages. *The rookie class used the project to introduce themselves to the community and rebuild the fire-damaged playground for the Carthage community.* Two play structures were built along with landscaping and overall park beautification. The work was done as part of a mini-installment of **Hometown Huddle**, a day of service by all NFL teams that occurs each fall.



“The beginning
is the most
important part
of the work.”
- Plato

Miracle League With huge efforts from CRC and the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Miracle League Foundation, the completely accessible Miracle League ball field at Dunham Recreation Complex opened this spring. The field accommodates wheelchairs and other walking assistance devices, making this Cincinnati's first custom-designed, adapted baseball field. Reds pitcher **Aaron Harang** made an appearance at the opening, with the first game of the field played that very same day. The Miracle League and CRC'S Adapted Baseball Program provides everyone an opportunity to play baseball. Six teams, 70 volunteer "buddies", and more than *100 youth, teens, and adults* enjoyed an accessible and safe place to play baseball throughout the summer months.





South Fairmount

Cincinnati welcomed its second aquatic fountain facility in the South Fairmount neighborhood, providing a fun new way to cool off from the heat. A splash tower, umbrella, and water jumper makes playing in the water so much more fun for South Fairmount citizens. Mayor Mallory and other special guests were in attendance for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, August 22.

Price Hill Playground

On October 6, the Bengals and CRC came together for the Hometown Huddle to build the new Price Hill Playground & Community Garden. CRC worked with many Cincinnati organizations to create an area that will provide school children and the community with educational, aesthetic, health, and environmental benefits. *More than 250 volunteers and 30 Bengals players came together to create a beautiful place of play and learning for the Price Hill community.* The garden provides citizens with a supportive environment for hands-on learning as well as a safe place to play. The garden/playground also helps promote respect for the environment, with the use of rain barrels to water the gardens and helps teach youth respect for nature.



left: Senior Olympic participants with George Wilson, retired professional basketball player and 1964 Olympic gold medalist. lower right: McKie staff & Legend Quilt creators smile during its unveiling.

Not over the hill, at the top enjoying the view!

Recreational, cultural, educational, and leisure activities designed for an active lifestyle are offered at locations throughout the Cincinnati area. **Serving the seniors of Cincinnati since 1967.**

CRC is... Timeless



Senior Hall of Fame

CRC hosted the **42nd Annual Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Celebration**. Thirty-four (34) senior citizens from the Cincinnati area were inducted this year. Courtis Fuller hosted the event while NBC/WLWT Channel 5 anchor Sheree Paoello handed out awards. Vice Mayor David Crowley also took time out of his busy schedule to honor these dedicated seniors. Nominees are selected by their fellow members on the basis of *significant and continuing contributions* to the social and cultural life of Cincinnati. More than **1500 seniors** have been inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual banquet since 1967.



Senior Olympics

More than 600 CRC Senior Athletes took part and showed their fitness talents in the 29th Annual Southwest Ohio Senior Olympics in May, 2009. The athletes competed in **65 events** throughout the Olympics. The events, such as swimming, bowling and track and field, took place over six weeks.



McKie Legend Quilt

In 2007, the McKie Seniors & the Quilting Group came together to create a Legend Quilt. Thanks to the ideas and organization of Idella Fears, Barbara Grothaus, and Jan Ober, the seniors began working on their own squares for the quilt. Quilting began in January of 2008 and participants worked hard to stitch the quilt together and put on the finishing touches. **The quilt was completed in April 2009, containing a total of 30 squares.** On May 4, 2009, Idella presented the quilt to McKie Seniors as a thank you to those who put the Legend Quilt together. It now graces the McKie Recreation Center, and serves as a beautiful centerpiece for the Center's users and visitors to enjoy.

Center Spotlight... **Over the Rhine**



Family Skate Nights

Every Friday, OTR youth skate during the OTR Family Skate Night. Each week the kids look forward to lacing up their skates, dancing with friends and enjoying the tasty snacks provided by staff.



Adult Pottery Class

Thanks to collaborations between the Clifton and Over the Rhine Recreation Centers, OTR Teens visited Clifton Recreation Center's Tuesday adult pottery classes. The teens from OTR had the opportunity to experience and learn about pinch and wheel pottery.



Duke Energy Grant

Julie S. Janson, President of Duke Energy Ohio and Kentucky, presented Mayor Mark Mallory with a check for \$12,000 on behalf of the Duke Energy Foundation. This grant allows the OTR Recreation Center to continue to serve as a Winter Shelter Facility. OTR opens its doors to those seeking temporary emergency shelter when the temperature or wind chill reaches 10 degrees or below. "It's a great day for the city and the community," said Dr. Norman Merrifield, Director of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. **"Recreation has re-created what it means to be part of the community and be there when the citizens need us the most."** Last year, OTR served as a Winter Shelter for 23 evenings and allowed an average of 99 citizens per night to get in out of the dangerously cold weather.

right: OTR was one of the many CRC centers that participated in the summer's BIKE TREK program, introducing nature, learning, and biking to teens.



Happen Art's Toy Lab

This fall OTR teens had the privilege of visiting Happen Art's Toy Lab, where they **designed and assembled their very own action figures**. Their toys were then photographed. Photos of the creations can be found on the gallery pages of http://toy-lab.com/toylab_index.html



As advocates for individuals with disabilities we provide inclusive and therapeutic recreation programming choices and promote accessibility at all CRC facilities.

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above right: Participants use accessible golf carts (Solorider) to enjoy CRC's golf courses! Youth enjoy the water with the adapted aquatics programs.
above & right: Youth play baseball at the Miracle League Field Dedication.





CRC is... Inclusive

Accessible Golf

CRC collaborated with Hamilton County Park District and Billy Casper Golf to host the **nation's first Inclusive Golf League and the largest national Accessible Golf Tournament**. The league comprised of twosomes with at least one of the two players having a physical disability. Between the three organizations, *14 Solorider Golf Carts were available for the league's use.*

CRC's Reeves Golf Course has also created a year-round accessible stall at their driving range. The covered and heated stall features a Solorider Golf Cart, adapted golf clubs, automatic ball tee, and introductory lessons available by appointment.

A Youth Golf Clinic was offered this summer for children with both physical and cognitive impairments at CRC's Reeves Golf Course. The Shining Light Foundation sponsored the clinic which taught beginning golf skills to nine children with disabilities ranging in ages of 7–13.

ENERGY Club

CRC's division of Therapeutic Recreation (TR) has continued their partnership with Hamilton County Special Olympics in offering the ENERGY (Education on Nutrition, exercise, and Recreation for Growing You) Summer Camp and year-round Teen Club. The programs provide health and fitness education to teens with cognitive impairments and instills important life skills. Aspects of a healthy lifestyle such as: *meal planning, grocery shopping, cooking, goal setting, physical activity, community integration, and activities to increase recreation and leisure participation* made this experience fun and unique.

The Summer ENERGY Camp expanded in 2009 to serve 23 teens at two locations; Dunham and LeBlond Recreation Centers and the Spring/Fall ENERGY Club included 30 teens at Clifton Recreation Center. Additional inclusive opportunities throughout the summer, with teens from Over the Rhine Recreation Center, fostered acceptance, respect, and friendships and promoted the healthy lifestyle message across ability levels.



above & right: Youth practice their tee shots with ball collected at the 2009 Golf Ball Drop for Kids.

CRC's seven (7) Golf Courses provide instructional opportunities for youth through our junior golf clinics, youth golf programs, league play, and tournaments. CRC golf courses are professionally operated by Billy Casper Golf. **CRC golf held 36 junior golf clinics serving 518 youth.** More than 200 youth went on to participate in the Junior Club Championships and 200 youth participated in the City Junior Open. In 2009, junior golfers played 11,135 rounds.

CRC is... **Keeping it Green**



Glenview Golf Course Honor

In April 2009, Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Glenview Golf Course was awarded the honor of being named a **Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary**. *Glenview Golf Course is only the 6th course in Ohio and the 697th in the world to receive this honor* (to put this in perspective there are some 14,000 golf courses just in the United States). The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is very proud of Glenview which has been managed by Billy Casper Golf Management Inc. of Virginia since 2003. Six (6) CRC Golf Courses are at various stages of also becoming Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries. These efforts mirror the goals of the CRC to be a leader in Cincinnati environmental stewardship.

Reader's Choice Award

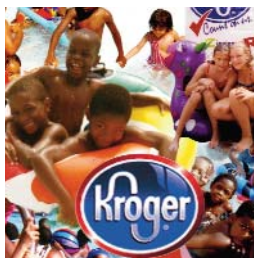
Neumann Golf Course and Woodland Golf Course were selected by the Community Press as **West Side best places to play golf** for 2009. Neumann course was awarded first place, and third place went to Woodland. Award-winning facilities and golf courses such as these add value to surrounding neighborhoods and communities. Congratulations to CRC West Side golf courses!

Tony Yates Golf Academy

Tony Yates Golf Academy provides youth an introduction to golf and offers children the opportunity to come together in a recreational setting. *More than 140 youth participated in the 15-session, instructional summer program.* Participants range in age from 8-17 years. Through the learning of golf fundamentals, youth are able to interact and accumulate positive social skills necessary to succeed in life.

Thank you to the following for their generous support of the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation. Without these corporate and individual donors, CRC would not be able to provide all of our programs or facilities. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission's budget simply cannot meet the needs of our citizens by itself. These donations have enabled CRC to continue to improve recreational opportunities for Cincinnati.

THANK YOU!



CRC is... **Building Relationships**

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above & right: Bengals, Baker Construction and CRC join together for the building of Price Hill Playground.
Middle: CRC's NFL Flag Football team.
Far right: Youth on the sidelines at a Reds Rookie Success League game.



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| The Stats | 713,047 | Junior Attendance |
| | 5,210 | Junior Memberships Sold |
| | 1,554 | Programs offered to Juniors |
| | 64.16 | % of CRC's Total Programs that are geared towards Juniors |



All 26 CRC Recreation Centers offer daily programs for youth ages 6-18 years. Program offerings include after-school and summer day camps, teen camps, athletics, art programs, outdoor education, cultural opportunities, special events and much more!

After-school and summer day camps at CRC recreation centers are offered for **children ages 6-12** during the summer and scheduled school breaks. CRC camps provide working parents a *safe and nurturing environment* for their children. All children enjoy a wide variety of recreation opportunities such as swimming, arts & crafts, sports and games, field trips and special events. Each camp works closely with CRC's Therapeutics Division to ensure inclusion of all participants with disabilities.

Teens ages 13-18 have a place of their own at CRC recreation centers. Many summer day camps have a teen component designed just for them. A number of CRC centers are equipped with teen rooms and have study areas, internet-accessible computers, big-screen TV, sound system, video and other games.

In 2010, CRC will introduce the All-City Membership Card that combines youth & teens to **Juniors, ages 17 & younger**.



CRC is... Young at Heart

Lunch Program

The CRC Summer Lunch Program provides free and **nutritious lunches for youth** at nine (9) centers and 25 pools/spraygrounds/fields. CRC's free summer lunch may be the most nutritious meal the kids get all day. The program provided free lunches at nine (9) centers and 25 pools/spraygrounds/fields. In 2009, 65,532 lunches were served at CRC sites while 3,705 breakfasts were served at 7 CRC sites. ***This comes to a total of 69,237 meals served through the Summer Lunch Program.***

Snack Program

This Program provides free snacks to children ages 5-18 at CRC Recreation Centers during the school year. CRC served ***free daily snacks to 4,020 children*** at 25 recreation centers.

Recreation Employment Corps

The Recreation Employment Corps (REC) addresses critical youth employment issues in our community. Interview and workplace communication workshops provide participants with on-the-job training through an internship program. The program began in Summer 2001 and has provided employment for more than 324 youth. *Forty-four (44) teens benefited from REC this year.* The Recreation Employment Corps is presented in cooperation with the Easter Seals Work Resource Center and Advantage Debt Management.

Guard Start

The Guard Start Learn and Earn program builds a foundation of aquatics knowledge and skills for youth ages 11-14. With these skills, youth have the opportunity to become lifeguards at age 15. Participants received instruction in accident prevention, fitness, emergency response, leadership, professionalism, customer service and skill development. *Guard Start provided growth opportunities for 187 youth at 23 pools.* It was presented in cooperation with the American Red Cross. Nearly half of the participants went on to compete in the 5th Annual Guard Start Junior Lifeguard Competition.



“This world demands the qualities of youth:
not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will,
a quality of imagination, a predominance of courage over
timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease.”
- *Robert Kennedy*



Youth Commissioner

Each year, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission appoints a teen to serve as CRC Youth Commissioner. **Brittany Robinson and Brianna Matthews served as CRC's 2009 Youth Commissioners and have been advocates for the youth who normally visit and use CRC facilities.** Commissioners attend CRC Commission meetings, providing input from a youth perspective, and represent CRC at various citywide events.

Junior Counselor

Junior Counselors work with CRC's Summer Day Camps, learning important life skills along the way. Teens attended new employee orientation as well as Skills-for-Working-With-Young-People training sessions to prepare them for work. ***This CRC program provided first-time employment for 27 Junior Counselors age 14 this year.*** Upon completing the program, these youth have the opportunity to interview for a Recreation Employment Corps position at age 15. Since the program's inception in 2007, CRC has employed 87 junior counselors.



The Green Team

The Green Team was reorganized this year to provide a landscaping career-based training opportunity for youth. ***An on-site supervisor worked with 8 youth (ages 16 to 24) on a daily basis to provide detailed training skills while landscaping several of CRC's recreation facilities.*** Other skills such as trimming and planting trees, bushes, and flowers were included. The youth visited a local nursery to experience how to identify healthy plants and making the best choice of plants for the planting area. Youth employed as Green Team members were coached on customer service skills and basic job requirements including proper dress, the need to report to work on time, time management, resume writing, and workplace safety. The Green Team has completed its seventh year of operation, employing 248 youth to date.

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”
- Franklin D. Roosevelt



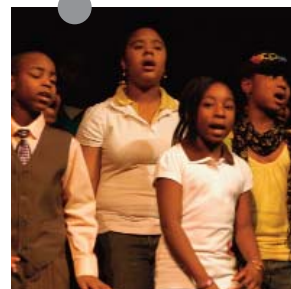
Recreation & Park Day More than 800 kids from Cincinnati recreation centers and other organizations came together to celebrate Recreation & Park Day at Sawyer Point in July. Games, music and entertainment were provided as the kids got to take advantage of the sunny afternoon down on the river. Local Recreation and Parks organizations were on-site with information and literature about leisure opportunities throughout the city.



Kids' Fest Kids' Fest 2009 was held on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7. Children from all over Cincinnati gathered at Sawyer Point to celebrate the largest free weekend event for kids in the nation. Fun activities, games and entertainment combined with useful information about Cincinnati's youth services to create a great day for all.

Youth Concert

CRC debuted its new performing arts opportunity for kids ages 12-17 this spring with the Youth Concert at Dunham Recreation Center. The program included the **CRC Youth Choir, dancers and musicians, and some special guests.** This event was a great way to showcase the talents of Cincinnati youth who might not normally have had an opportunity to participate and experience the performing arts.



Princess Tea Party

The Princess for a Day program is a way to celebrate little princesses everywhere. Girls, ages 3-5 years, come to the kingdom (also known as Mt. Washington Recreation Center) in their princess gowns and tiaras to enjoy a Tea Party like snack and make a glittery princess craft. Program Leaders give the girls a challenge to complete. When they have finished their task, **they are then crowned "Royal Princesses" and celebrate with a dance in the Ballroom.** In 2009, more than twenty Royal Princesses participated in this popular program.

Hooked on Fishing

Joe Goeldner, long time employee of CRC, started the CRC "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" (HOFNOD) program in 1998. It was inspired by a nationally-recognized program that began in 1986 when a teenager wrote to the Future Fisherman Foundation explaining how he chose to go fishing and think through his problems instead of turning to drugs. Mr. Goeldner has succeeded in getting grant money from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to run the program. Through this grant, CRC recreation centers have been able to offer this program to hundreds of youth and teens and have been able to acquire free fishing equipment and fund various local fishing trips.



Youth Soccer Leagues Youth across the city were grateful to kick the soccer ball around thanks to CRC. *More than 2500 youth participated in youth soccer leagues on CRC fields this year.* Kids benefitted from CRC's beautifully-kept fields, and learned about the sport as well as about good sportsmanship and exercise.

Girls Only Program The Girls Only Program offers girls ages 9-15 the opportunity to participate in sports and fitness opportunities. *More than 80 girls from all Cincinnati neighborhoods* come together to participate in team-building exercises, golf, jump rope, biking, skating, and even attending Xavier Girls basketball games and Cincinnati Reds games. This program helps to teach the girls good values such as healthy eating, leadership, and comradery.



Hershey Track Meet

More than 200 children ages 9-14 competed in the Hershey Track & Field Meet at Taft High School this year in order to advance to the State Meet in Columbus. The kids participated in events such as the 50, 100, and 1600 meter runs, standing long jump and softball throw. Olympic Gold Medalist Mary Wineburg, with UC's Track Team and their Coach all came to speak to the kids. The kids not only got to meet an olympian, but learned about dedication and hard work.



River Trek

A group of 35 lucky teenagers learned about camping, canoeing, kayaking, leadership and teamwork skills on an outdoor adventure that included a 75-mile trip along the Scenic Little Miami River. For 12 years, CRC has offered RiverTrek to youth as an opportunity for growth and learning. The 5-day, 4-night canoe trip brings teens from various neighborhoods and socio-economic backgrounds together to forge new friendships.



Hiking Club Summer 2009

This summer youth were keeping fit while appreciating the great outdoors. As part of the Over the Rhine Hiking Club, youth were lead through a new hiking trail each week and advanced from hiking less than a quarter of a mile in June to two miles in August. Along the way, they learned about outdoor safety, plants, animals, and insects.

“ Good habits formed
at youth make all the
difference.
-Aristotle



Kayaking at McKie

McKie Recreation Center offered kayaking classes for kids and teens in the Cincinnati area. The classes were ideal for beginner to intermediate paddlers and focused on *paddling safely, basic paddle strokes, wet exits, rodeo moves and rolls necessary for whitewater paddling*. ACA (American Canoe Association) Certified Whitewater instructors, as well as a dedicated group of volunteer instructors, taught the classes at both the McKie Recreation Center and Kelley Nature Preserve, on the Little Miami River. Funding for the classes also helped to support Vision Trek, McKie's outdoor leadership program for at risk teens.

NFL Flag Football

The NFL Youth Flag Football program teaches Cincinnati youth the fundamentals of football. Seasonal leagues engage both boys and girls as they learn teamwork and good sportsmanship while developing fitness skills. *CRC conducted six leagues with 29 teams, allowing for 290 youth to partake in the program.* NFL Flag Football participants had the opportunity to scrimmage during Bengals' half-time shows in front of a stadium full of cheering people! Youth were able to see how hard work and dedication can lead to success on and off the field and enjoy some great Cincinnati Bengals football as well.





Bike Trek

Bicycling Inspires Kids Environmentally (BIKE) is a joint partnership opportunity for CRC and the Cincinnati Police Department to reconnect inner-city youth ages 12-17 with nature through biking. In 2009, **More than 300 teens from 17 CRC centers participated**, each riding an average of 16 miles of the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail.



National Junior Tennis League

The National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) introduces the sport of tennis to youth who might not otherwise know about tennis racquets and balls. For eight (8) weeks during the summer, youth and tennis instructors meet daily to cover the courts. More than **375 youth, ages 8 to 14, participated in NJTL programs held at 12 CRC sites throughout the city**. Community generosity and donations provided equipment, transportation, instructors, T-shirts, admissions to the Tennis Masters Series and an end-of-program fun day at The Beach Waterpark. They also had the opportunity to meet **Richard Williams**, father to tennis stars *Serena and Venus Williams*, who came to a CRC facility to talk to youth about tennis, dedication, and hard work on and off the court.



Reds Rookie Success League

CRC's Reds Rookie Success League is a 6-week, non-competitive, character building summer baseball league targeting inner-city youth ages 8-11. The program emphasizes important life lessons in addition to baseball fundamentals. CRC partners with the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund to present this program each year. **In 2009, 350 youth registered and participated this year, they were coached by 32 volunteers.** Health, vision, and dental screenings for participants were provided by Tri-Health Professionals. Reds provided on-site certified athletic trainers at practices and games as well as equipment and daily refreshments. Free lunches were provided through the Summer Lunch Program.

CRC is... Cincinnati's Front Porch



Riverfest

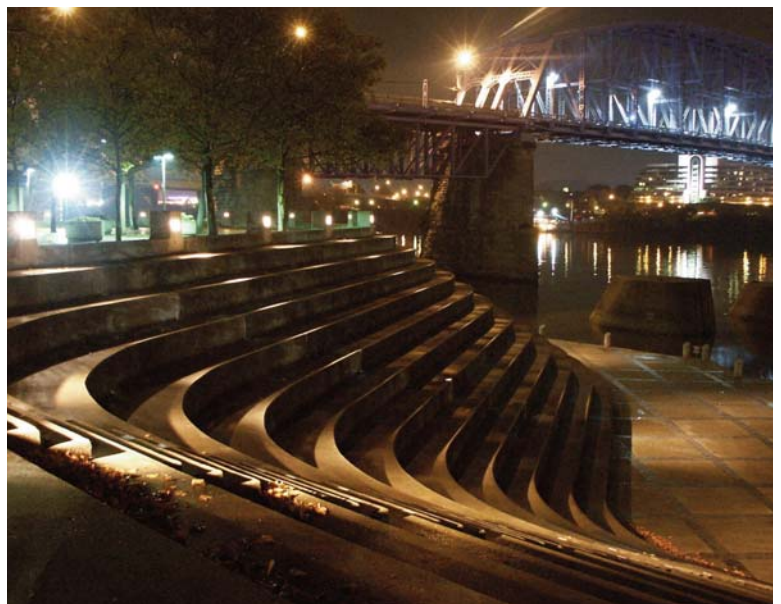
Riverfest is the largest fireworks displays in the Midwest. *Nearly a half-million people attended on both sides of the river for this end-of-the-summer blowout event.* This signature Cincinnati event began 32 years ago, when WEBN treated the tri-state to a fireworks show in honor of the radio station's 10th anniversary. Now the annual Labor Day weekend party at CRC's Sawyer Point has grown into an all-day affair with music, food and family fun and entertainment.



4th of July Raindrops did not dampen spirits at the 2009 July 4th All-American Birthday Party at Sawyer Point. Food, games for the kids, fireworks and fun for the whole family highlighted the celebrations of the day.



New Map/Guide to Sawyer Point A brand new, redesigned map and guide to Sawyer Point is now available! A comprehensive map and guide to the park and all its amenities are included in the pocket-sized brochure. Easy to read icons and quick descriptions of each part of the park allows visitors to learn more about their favorites parts of the park, as well as the things they might have missed. The map enables visitors access to all that Sawyer Point has to offer. Call the Sawyer Point office to find out how you can get the map for your next visit to Sawyer Point (513) 352-6180.



New Guide to the Geologic Timeline CRC produced a dual graphic visual series to the Geologic Timeline that includes an Adult Guide and a Youth Activity Booklet for Sawyer Point visitors. Parents and teachers can learn right beside their kids and pupils as they follow the 1,060 foot-long path, depicting our Earth's evolution. The Activity Booklet provides fun learning experiences, while the Adult Guide gives a more in-depth look into the Timeline's depiction of evolution. Call the Sawyer Point office to find out how you can get the guides for your next family or classroom visit to Sawyer Point (513) 352-6180.

Programming

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) provides recreational and cultural activities for Cincinnatians of all ages and abilities. CRC's services can be broken down to include programming and support. The following pages describe and detail CRC services.



Athletics

The Athletics Division provides Cincinnati residents with fun, safe and quality programs in friendly, community-based environments.

Whether it's in the gym or on the field, CRC's athletic programs meet the needs of all Cincinnatians and helps to enrich their lives through physical and recreational leagues. Our 233 ball fields, 6 sand volleyball courts, 125 tennis and 90 basketball courts offer hours of enjoyment for all.

Aquatics & Pools

CRC's award-winning Aquatics Division provides fun, safe and quality aquatic programs. CRC operates a combination of outdoor deep and shallow-water pools, indoor pools, and spraygrounds.

During the summer season, CRC neighborhood pools and aquatic facilities offer hours of water fun, open swimming. They double as water classrooms with swim lessons and programs such as Kyacking and SCUBA and even provide hundreds of summer employment opportunities.

Recreation Centers

CRC Recreation Centers serve as focal points for health and wellness, community involvement and social interaction. Cincinnati Recreation Commission has 26 centers located throughout Cincinnati to provide recreational and cultural activities for all neighbors and citizens. Neighborhood recreation centers continue to be a vital component of Cincinnati communities and they help to maintain a high standard for Cincinnati residents' quality of life.

Seniors

At our centers, we know learning never ends and having a good time doesn't stop when you're young. CRC senior centers and clubs offer a wide selection of programs for those aged 50 and older such as trips, aerobics, sports and dance – something to fit every lifestyle. As part of the CRC family, seniors can play, learn something new or just relax at any Cincinnati Recreation Commission recreation center.

Sawyer Point

Sawyer Point provides recreational and cultural activities for the entire Greater Cincinnati community. The park provides a venue for citizens to enhance their personal health and cultural awareness. Events and programs at Sawyer Point bring residents together to enrich and improve their quality of life.

Opened during Cincinnati's 200th anniversary celebration in 1988, Sawyer Point is a mile-long linear park with eye-catching landscapes accenting the Procter & Gamble Performance Pavilion which hosts many free summer concerts. Amenities such as outdoor tennis and sand volleyball courts, an accessible playground and concessions are also available.

Sawyer Point is also the home of the Showboat *Majestic*, a 75-year-old floating theater which is permanently moored within the park at Cincinnati's Public Landing.

Therapeutics

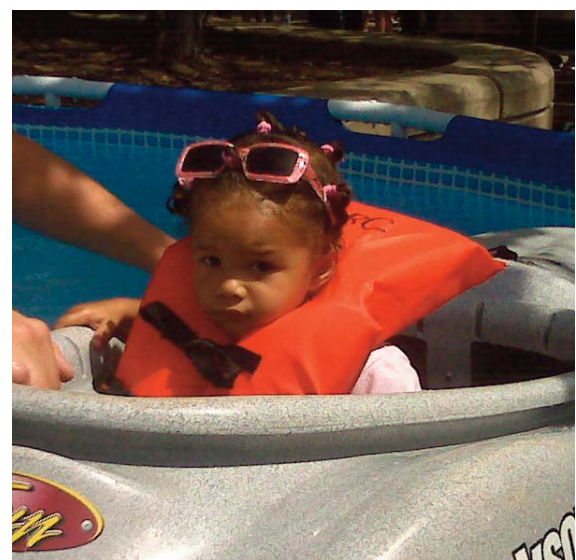
Created in 1968, the CRC Therapeutic Recreation Division (TR) is nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in programs for individuals with disabilities. The programs offered by TR meet the needs and interests of individuals with mental, physical, learning and emotional disabilities. All individuals are invited to participate in any CRC program.

Adapted and inclusive activities include aquatics, fitness, social gatherings, bowling leagues, instructional and team sports, wheelchair sports and crafts. Participants can also enjoy special outings, movies, pizza nights and Miracle League Baseball.

Youth & Family Services

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission recognizes the importance of fostering youth development in leadership roles. The Youth and Family Services Division (Y&FS) works with CRC staff to identify trends in recreation and seek alternative sources of revenue.

Y&FS provides outlets for youth employment such as the Recreation Employment Corps, the Green Team and the Junior Counselor program. Other Y&FS programs include the Mayor's Breakfast for Youth, RiverTrek and the Teen Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Division staff members serve as CRC liaisons to youth-servicing agencies and as mentors to CRC youth.



Support

Marketing, Design & Communication

The Marketing, Design & Communication Division provides graphic, marketing, video and communications support for all CRC divisions. The Design office promotes CRC through image development, printed pieces, design standardization and branding strategy as well as accurate delivery of the CRC message.

The Communications office provides press releases and monitors the approximately \$1 million in free television advertising that CRC receives annually. The office creates documentary and recruitment videos to project a positive CRC image through local broadcast outlets.

Financial Management

The Financial Management Division supports CRC with comprehensive financial management oversight to support CRC's goals and objectives. The division prepares and monitors CRC's \$27 million, all-funds operating budget.

The Financial Management Division provides all functions of CRC's business and accounting services and assists all other CRC programs in achieving their performance targets.

Human Resources

The Human Resources (HR) Division provides the support necessary to ensure delivery of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's services.

CRC's HR division provides core employee training and works with personnel across all levels. HR staff work with all CRC divisions and provide assistance as needed.

Outdoor Maintenance & Trades

The Outdoor Maintenance and Trades Divisions maintain a network of neighborhood recreation centers and aquatic facilities and are crucial to keeping CRC's recreation centers open and safe on a daily basis. These divisions ensure the safety and care of all CRC recreation sites, aquatic facilities, athletic fields and courts and playgrounds.

Outdoor Maintenance performs grounds duties such as grass cutting, trash pick-up, playground equipment repair, field upkeep and general maintenance. The Trades Division provides expertise in areas such as electrical, HVAC, roofing, carpentry, plumbing, painting, masonry and glasswork.

Technical Services

The Technical Services Division guides and administers the capital improvement program for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and provides safe and attractive recreation facilities.

This Division administers all activities related to CRC's capital budget. Capital improvements and projects range from simple replacement of capital equipment to acquisition and professional development of new recreation facilities and opportunities.

Accountability

Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for the Year Ending 12.31.09

2009

| | Revenue | Expenditures* |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| West Region/TR | \$ 680,898 | \$ 3,398,732 |
| East Region | \$ 982,617 | \$ 3,256,694 |
| Central Region | \$ 808,440 | \$ 3,173,894 |
| Maintenance | — | \$ 3,599,534 |
| Golf | \$ 6,655,337 | \$ 6,194,993 |
| Athletics/Aquatics | \$ 812,422 | \$ 2,818,128 |
| Sawyer Point | \$ 755,885 | \$ 1,398,021 |
| Administration | \$ 45,896 | \$ 1,292,949 |
| Total | \$ 10,741,495 | \$ 25,132,945 |
| Donations | \$ 148,265 | \$ 144,758 |
| Capital Projects | | \$ 11,078,564 |

* Includes year-end encumbrances

2009 Operating Budget

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| General Funds | \$ 15,268,880 |
| Restricted Funds | \$ 4,517,970 |
| Enterprise Funds** | \$ 6,396,720 |
| Federal Grants | \$ 420,000 |
| Non-Enterprise Fund Debt Service | \$ 0 |
| Total Operating Budget | \$ 26,603,570 |

2009 Capital Budget

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Aquatics Facilities Renovation | \$ 2,234,000 |
| Recreation Facilities Renovation | \$ 1,375,000 |
| Outdoor Facilities Renovation | \$ 630,000 |
| Athletics Facilities Renovation | \$ 454,500 |
| Compliance with the ADA | \$ 100,000 |
| Total Capital Budget | \$ 4,793,500 |

** Includes \$400,009 in Municipal Golf Fund Debt Service

2008

| | Revenue | Expenditures* |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| West Region/TR | \$ 743,833 | \$ 3,546,516 |
| East Region | \$ 992,525 | \$ 3,288,461 |
| Central Region | \$ 810,450 | \$ 3,195,965 |
| Maintenance | — | \$ 3,557,129 |
| Golf | \$ 6,486,271 | \$ 6,217,974 |
| Athletics/Aquatics | \$ 781,873 | \$ 2,774,660 |
| Sawyer Point | \$ 691,315 | \$ 1,445,627 |
| Administration | \$ 49,389 | \$ 1,444,735 |
| Total | \$ 10,555,656 | \$ 25,471,067 |
| Donations | \$ 303,357 | \$ 212,234 |
| Capital Projects | | \$ 9,942,001 |

*Includes year-end encumbrances

2008 Operating Budget

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| General Funds | \$ 15,535,220 |
| Restricted Funds | \$ 4,246,256 |
| Enterprise Funds | \$ 6,185,965 |
| Federal Grants | \$ 300,000 |
| Debt Service | \$ 285,000 |
| Total Operating Budget | \$ 26,552,441 |

2008 Capital Budget

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Recreation Facilities Renovation | \$ 1,680,200 |
| Outdoor Facilities Renovation | \$ 1,706,000 |
| Athletics Facilities Renovation | \$ 683,000 |
| Compliance with ADA | \$ 100,000 |
| Total Capital Budget | \$ 4,169,200 |

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Mission Statement

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing recreational and cultural activities for all people in our neighborhoods and the whole community. We believe that by enhancing people's personal health and wellness, we strengthen and enrich the lives of our citizens and build a spirit of community in our City.

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